

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were reexamined by the Examiner in this matter. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-17, 19, and 20 are allowable over the prior art of record and has rejected claim 18. Claim 18 is cancelled in this response. Claims 1-17, 19, and 20 remain in the present application. Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-17, 19, and 20 and thank the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 18 has been cancelled in this response.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In addition, claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on the basis that it represents a single means claim. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's positions stated in the above-identified Office Action with respect to claim 18. However, to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicants have cancelled claim 18. Accordingly, the rest of the claims are in conditions for allowance as stated by the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the cancelled claim 18 in a continuation application.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-17, 19, and 20 remain in the present application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-17, 19, and 20 are allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, the speedy allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference call with the undersigned attorney of the record would expedite the allowance of the remaining claims 1-17, 19, and 20, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of the record at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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